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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS ON GREEK LETTER
CONCERNING AEGEAN DISPUTE

REF: USUN 3164

1. SECURITY COUNCIL MET IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON AUGUST 11 AT 3:45 PM TO DECIDE ON TIMING OF COUNCIL'S MEETINGS AND ON WORDING OF AGENDA ITEM. AFTER LISTENING TO VIEWS OF SC MEMBERS, SC PRESIDENT ABE (JAPAN) ANNOUNCED COMPROMISE FORMULA FOR TIMING OF MEETINGS. FORMULA IS THAT CONTINGENT UPON THE CONSENT OF FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS THE COUNCIL WOULD MEET THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 AT 4:00 PM TO HEAR GREEK FM BITSIOS AND ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 10:00 AM TO HEAR TURKISH FM CAGLAYANGIL. ABE ADDED THAT HE PLANNED TO MEET WITH BITSIOS THIS EVENING AT 7:00 PM TO DISCUSS THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

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2. DISCUSSION ON WORDING OA GENDA ITEM

PRODUCED ADDITIONAL COMPROMISE BY AMBASSADOR ABE WHEREBY BOTH MENTION OF GREEK COMPLAINT AGAINST TURKEY AS PROPOSED BY SEVERAL SC MEMBERS AND SIMPLE REFERENCE TO GREEK LETTER AS PREFERRED BY US AND OTHERS WOULD BE INCLUDED. AGENDA ITEM WOULD THUS READ: GREEK COMPLAINT AGAINST TURKEY: LETTER DATED 10 AUGUST 1976 FROM THE PERMREP OF GREECE TO THE UN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, S/12167.

3. ITALIAN MISOFF INFORMED US FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS THAT HIS MISSION UNDERSTOOD GREEKS ARE PREPARING DRAFT RESOLUTION TO BE CIRCULATED TOMORROW. FRENCH MISSION TOLD US SEPARATELY THAT THEY WOULD BE CONSULTING LATER TODAY WITH EC-9 PARTNERS ITALIANS AND BRITISH ON FRENCH DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH TENTATIVELY WOULD CONTAIN THREE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS (1) URGING BOTH PARTIES TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT, (2) CALLING ON TURKEY AND GREECE TO RESUME DIRECT BILATERAL TALKS TO RESOLVE DISPUTE, AND (3) RECALLING THE PRINCIPLE OF ARBITRATION THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE SHOULD THE DIRECT TALKS FAIL. FRENCH MISOFF SAID THEIR DRAFT WAS PRELIMINARY EFFORT AND WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO REMAIN SO UNTIL GREEK AND TURKISH VIEWS WERE PRESENTED LATER IN WEEK BY FOREIGN MINISTERS KITSIOS AND CAGLAYANGIL.
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